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Justice Leventritt says the stay would be a bad precedent and against discipline. Merits of the case not involved. Stays much gratified.

Fire Chief Edward F. Croker will retire from the Fire Department either to-day or to-morrow, under the order of dismissal issued by Commissioner Thomas Sturges on Nov. 29, which would have become effective on Dec. 2 had not Croker secured a writ of certiorari from Justice Fitzgerald, returnable before the Appellate Division in February, and with it a stay restraining the Commissioner from dismissing him, pending the argument on the writ.

Justice Leventritt yesterday vacated the stay issued by Justice Fitzgerald and that leaves no alternative for Chief Croker but to step down and out and wait for the courts to decide whether or not he was justly dismissed.

Two days are allowed for the filing of the order vacating the stay and unless the order is filed to-day, which is improbable, Chief Croker will be able to hang on until Saturday.

Deputy Chief Charles D. Purroy undoubtedly will be named by Commissioner Sturges to succeed Croker and will take active charge of the department to-morrow, although no official announcement to that effect was made yesterday.

Shortly after the announcement of Justice Leventritt's decision, a rumor became current about the City Hall and in several reports of politicians that Mayor Low had decided to leave the department and that he was seriously considering appointing him Police Commissioner. When Mayor Low was asked about these rumors, he said:

"Commissioner Sturges has not resigned and I want to say, once and for all, that I have no resignation of his, dated or undated, in my possession. I have no knowledge of any intention on the part of the Commissioner to leave his present place, and those who say that he has resigned or is about to resign and that I have considered appointing him successor to Col. Partridge are better informed on my intentions than I am myself."

Chief Croker and his lawyer, John J. Delany, took the decision of Justice Leventritt philosophically. In Mr. Delany's office they studied its text carefully and then announced that it was in every way favorable to them, as it distinctly states that the allowance of the writ of certiorari was perfectly proper on the facts shown and that the only thing considered was the propriety of the stay itself. The fact that the Court decided to vacate the stay simply on the ground that it was a dangerous precedent was also quoted by Croker and his counsel as showing that the decision is in no way a black eye to the Chief's fight.

"We are simply in the same position that we were when Mr. Sturges first issued his order of dismissal," said Mr. Delany yesterday. "We have no alternative but to submit to the decision of the Court, but, of course, we will go right on now with our fight before the Appellate Division. We hardly expect Chief Croker to be relieved of duty before Saturday."

"You will observe that Justice Leventritt repeats in a number of places in his opinion that he is not passing at all upon the merits of the case. He leaves that to the Appellate Division and we are very willing to do so, too. Chief Croker may not wear his uniform for the time being, but the people of this city will not be long deprived of his services as we are very sure that we will win our fight."

Chief Croker simply said that he would fight to the end for his rights and expected to be sustained by the courts. When Croker first heard of Justice Leventritt's decision he was in the Bronx on a tour of inspection.

Nowhere was the decision received with such gratification as at the office of the Corporation Counsel. There it was said that it knocked the last leg out from under Chief Croker. The Corporation Counsel and Commissioner Sturges worked together to have the stay vacated, the ground of their application being that the stay was improperly issued and that there was no precedent for its issuance.

When Commissioner Sturges was seen last night and asked about the order of the Court he said:

"I am very much gratified by this decision. It is based on sound law and does away with the dangerous precedent which was sought to be established in the department, and which, if successful, would have affected every department under the city government."

Commissioner Sturges was asked about Croker's successor. All he would say was that no temporary Chief would be appointed until after he had had a talk with the Corporation Counsel and had got his advice on the matter. Mr. Sturges declined to say whether Deputy Chief Purroy would accept Croker's resignation.

Justice Leventritt's decision is regarded as a very important one by the city authorities, and especially in the Corporation Counsel's office. The decision is in part as follows:

"The propriety or impropriety of the conduct of the trial, the errors of law and questions of the weight of evidence within Section 214 of the Code, must be left for the decision of the Appellate Division."

"Giving the broadest possible construction to the section authorizing a stay in certain proceedings, I am of the opinion that it is not the purpose of the Legislature that the Judge of whom the stay is asked, should in

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ALBANY, Dec. 18.—The Court of Appeals today affirmed the judgment of the lower courts dismissing the complaint in the case of the Colonial Dames of America, appellant, against the Colonial Dames of the State of New York and the unincorporated association calling itself the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, and Justice Van Rensselaer Townsend, as president.

The bone of contention is the name "Colonial Dames," which the plaintiff claims is right of invention and prior use. The Colonial Dames of America were incorporated on April 13, 1891, and the Colonial Dames of the State of New York on April 25, 1893. The former was organized by a number of New York women. A few months afterward several prominent Philadelphia women also organized what they

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